

# A PROPOSAL for Raising 600000*l.* in Three Months, thus

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I. **T**HAT every Person for a License to use Gold, Silver, or any Gilded Plate in their Houses, Useful or Ornamental, shall Pay—

l. s. d.  
0 10 00

II. That every Person for a License to wear Gold or Silver-Lace, Fringe or Ribbon, or any Lace, Fringe, Ribbon, Silks or Stuffs mix'd with Gold or Silver, or any Gold or Silver-Buttons, Buckles, Swords, &c. or any Gold or Silver whatsoever (Plain Gold-Rings excepted) shall Pay—

2 00 00

III. That every Person for a License to wear any Silks or Stuffs mix'd with Silk (except such as only wear Silk-Hoods, Scarves or Ribbon, wherein there is no Mixture of Gold or Silver) shall Pay—

0 10 00

*Query, Whether Servants shall not be Excused, they only Wearing their Masters or Mistresses Old Cloaths?*

Any one that wears or uses the Things aforesaid without a License shall Forfeit 100 *l.* half to the Informer—

And for the better Discovery of such as may presume to wear or use the Things above-mentioned (without a License) there may be kept in every Parish a List of the Names of those that have Licenses—

A Penalty may be laid on the Tradesman for selling the aforesaid Things to any Person that does not produce their License—

This will be no Damage to the Workers in Silk, for it is not to be thought that any Person that can afford to wear Silk will refrain it to save 10 *s.* nor that they will to save 10 *s.* run the hazzard of Forfeiting 100 *l.*

Compute, There is generally thought to be 9000000 of People in *England*; now suppose there were but 6000000, and that 1 in 60 wears Gold or Silver, there will be that will pay to this Article 100000 Persons, which at 40 *s.* apiece amounts to—

l.  
200000

Admit 1 in 15 to wear Silk, &c. there will be that will pay to this Article 400000, which at 10 *s.* apiece amounts to—

200000

Admit 1 in 15 to use Plate, there will be that will pay to this Article 400000, which at 10 *s.* apiece amounts to—

200000

600000

There must be an Office in *London* to deliver the Licenses; The Money to be paid into the Exchequer, and for the Remote Parts of the Countrey to the Officers of the Excise which will make it easie to every Body, and the King will be at no Charge, and may be performed with great Expedition, as by the following Scheme.

Book 2. Fol. 3. No. 1.

The Register.



Book 2. Fol. 3. No. 1.

A Licence for A. B. Esq; of the Parish of in the County of to wear Silk

1696.



Book 2. Fol. 3. No. 1.

of the Parish or in the County of has this Day paid into His Majesties Exchequer the Sum of 10 *s.*

1996.

The Licenses to be deliver'd upon bringing the Receipts from the Exchequer, paying 1 *s.* for a License for Gold and Silver, and 6 *d.* for a License for Silk, and 6 *d.* for a License for using of Plate, for the Charge of the said Office.

The Third Column (to the Right Hand) of the Scheme to be cut out and sent to the Exchequer and to the Commissioners of the Excise, to send to their Officers in the Countrey who may be allow'd 2 *d.* for every License for their Pains.

*This is Humbly Proposed by T. A. Gent.*

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